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SUBJECT: BURDENSHARING: AGENDA FOR NOV 8 NAC

REF: A) USNATO 5142; B) THE HAGUE 4836

- 1. FOLLOWING IS AGENDA FOR NAC MEETING IN AFTERNOON OF NOV 8:
  I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECT (RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE)
  II. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE (REPORT BY THE STUDY GROUP: DOCUMENT: C-M(73)93, ALREADY CIRCULATED)
  III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
- 2. NOV 8 DISCUSSION OF BURDENSHARING IS FOLLOW-UP TO COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 24 (REF A). WE ARE INFORMED THAT EUROGROUP STAFF GROUP MET IN BRUSSELS ON NOV 2 TO DISCUSS BURDENSHARING. DISCUSSIONS AMONG EUROPEANS WILL BE PURSUED INFORMALLY DURING CURRENT NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN THE HAGUE. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY REPORT THAT DUTCH ARE CONSIDERING PUTTING FORTH BURDENSHARING PROPOSITION FOR CONSIDERATIONBY EUROPEAN ALLIES (RE B). NOV 8 NAC MAY PROVIDE SOME INDICATION OF CURRENT EUROPEAN THINKING ON POSSIBLE BURDENSHARING SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER,

  OUR COMMENTS IN PARA 8 OF REF A CONTINUE TO APPLY, AND WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON VIEWS PRIOR TO NOV 8 NAC ON FURTHER APPROACHES TO UK AND FRG.

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